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SUBJECT : LOS ANGELES JUBILEE SINGERS

1. OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OF GROUPS VISIT TO BAHRAIN A TRIBUTE TO THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, FLEXIBILITY AND VERY GOOD NATURE. DIRECT AND RESIDUAL BENEFITS TO POST OF THEIR PERFORMANCES AND RELAXED INTERACTION WITH AUDIENCES WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL. ALREADY THEY HAVE BECOME SUBJECTS OF MUCH POSITIVE COMMENT. THEIR SUCCESS WAS DESPITE FACT THAT MURPHY'S LAW WAS FULLY OPERATIVE DURING THEIR VISIT.

2. SINGERS FLIGHT MUSCAT/MANAMA WAS CANCELLED (PLANE COMMANDEERED BY UAE CHIEF OF STATE) AND OUR EFFORTS TO FIND ALTERNATE IN TIME TO HOLD SCHEDULED MAY 5 CONCERT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. CONCERT POSTPONED TO MAY 6, BUT PREDICTABLY SPARSELY ATTENDED (CROWD LESS THAN 400). MAY 7 CONCERTS FOR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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ALSO PROVIDED SMALLER THAN ANTICIPATED AUDIENCES (BOYS, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN BUSSED TO THEATER, WENT TO ADJACENT STADIUM TO WATCH FOOTBALL MATCH). HOWEVER, THIS PROVIDED GROUP AND BAHRAIN TV (TAPING THEIR FIRST EVER REMOTE) TO WORK MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER AND RESULT WAS EXCELLENT QUALITY TAPE WHICH WILL BE USED FREQUENTLY HERE.

3. CLIMAX OF BAHRAIN PROGRAM, PERFORMANCE AT POST'S MAY 8 NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION, A REAL SMASH. RESPONSIVE, HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE OF SOME 350 GAVE SINGERS STANDING OVATION.

4. THIS FIRST ATTEMPT TO BRING MAJOR AMERICAN CULTURAL ATTRACTION TO BAHRAIN MUST BE CONSIDERED AS VERY SUCCESSFUL DESPITE UNFORESEEABLE PROBLEMS. THIS EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE LOS ANGELES JUBILEE SINGERS, COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY, AND ESPECIALLY THEIR LEADER PROFESSOR MCNEIL, TO BE QUINTESSENTIAL GOOD WILL AMBASSADORS. WE ALL HOPE TO SEE THEM HERE AGAIN.
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